

Storm... & ... Stress

by Myron Roberts
FIRST EPISTLE TO THE HOLLYWOODIANS... On the current wave of Biblical Epics. Now it came to pass in the land of Hollywood there was a man called Cecil, of the tribe of De Mille. And he observeth that though the people made abominations and professed great fear of the Lord, much wickedness was in their hearts.

Wherefore doth cunning Cecil reason: "Could I maketh movies full of sin and all manner of lechery, the people would delight to see it, yea unto their furthest shekel." But he knew such things were an offense to the elders of the tribe and to the Guardians of the Law.

Hence did sly Cecil bethink himself: "Ah, if I but clothe my tales of lechery in Holy Scripture, and if their wantonness doth seem to come from the

dom and he commandeth them to make a movie called "The Prodigal." And to Edmund he gave a toga and to Lana a silver cord wherewith to fasten about her navel and he sayeth unto them, "Be Biblical, but ardent."

Wherefore doth Lana portray the Pagan Goddess and Edmund the pious Hebrew, sore tempted by the glitter of the silver. And there were many columns and chariots and young females in diaphanous gowns. Nor did Samuel stay his hand, for he knoweth that you must spend a shekel to make two and he desireth to surpass even Cecil in the making of Epics.

But it is in vain. For Lana looketh like a Westchester matron dressed to play Aida in a P.T.A. opera. She allureth not, neither can she act.

And Edmund needeth a hot rod rather than a camel and he sayeth unto Lana, "I must have thee, Pagan Goddess" in the manner of a man ordering an alkali seltzer at the drug store.

Yea, and the story moveth not, neither is it sexy, and the wide, wide screen inviteth a wide, wide yawn and all its phoniness and weariness and the soul doth not tingle, only the seat.

And when the word was passed to Samuel his anger grew great and he made plans to make his own epic of the Eleven Commandments... claiming that one had been forgotten.

And the people were torn betwixt the Gospel according to Cecil and the Gospel according to Samuel.

Wherefore go and get thee to thy TV set and be content. For though thou hasteneth from the Epic without waiting to see whether Edmund unclasps the silver belt, thou getteth not back thy shekels once thou has paid to enter the palace. Which proveth that both Samuel and Cecil knoweth how to bring a lamb to the slaughter.

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